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TO ALL MEMBERS OF ARCIC

The principal object of the forthcoming January 'Sub'-Commission is to begin the preparation of a draft Introduction to all three Agreed Statements. It is hoped this Introduction will make explicit ARCIC's theology of the Church.

Members will already have received the position paper prepared by Fr. Edward Yarnold (ARCIC 205 "The Church (Draft Statement)").

I have been reconsidering previous ARCIC material which may be relevant and would suggest that members look again at the following:

ARCIC 27 "The Venice Conversations": Church and Eucharist (especially 1 Church)

ARCIC 92 "Authority and Ecclesiology" some notes by the Revd. Dr. R. J. Halliburton

ARCIC 96 "Vatican II's Ecclesiology" by Bishop B. C. Butler

ARCIC 102 "The Church as Eucharistic Communion" by Fr. George Tavard, AA

ARCIC 103 "Koinonia as the basis of New Testament Ecclesiology?" by the Revd. Fr. Schuyler Brown, SJ

ARCIC 115 "Ecclesiology in the Light of Vatican II" by the Oxford Sub-Commission

The Moscow Agreed Statement, SPCK 1977 (especially Section VI "The Church as the Eucharistic Community") (Circulated to members, but not given an ARCIC number)

Unfortunately it will only be possible to bring a limited number of each of these papers to Wychcroft. Members who have mislaid any of these papers should write to me immediately.

I enclose the second of three articles by Fr. John Coventry, SJ, recently published in The Way, as relevant to our subject. Beyond the resources of this office to provide there is also Bishop Christopher Butler's new book: Church and Unity (Geoffrey Chapman, 1979).

If time permits there may also be some discussion of criticism of the Venice Statement. To this end I enclose a re-print of the last document from the Chichester meeting on this subject (ARCIC 173/Venice/11). Anglican criticism of the Venice Statement is best summarized by reference to Sections F and G of the General Synod's Response by the Church of England circulated to members earlier in the year.

On more practical matters here are details concerning the Wychcroft meeting:

The meeting will start with tea on Monday, 7th January, followed by the first session on Fr. Yarnold's paper at 5.0 p.m., and will finish after breakfast on Friday, 11th January:

The full address and telephone numbers are:

Southwark Diocesan Training Centre,  
Wychcroft,  
Blechingley,  
Redhill, RH1 4NE.

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Godstone (088-384) 3038 (Guests)

(088-384) 3041 (Emergencies only)

A map is enclosed which may be of help to those planning to travel to Wychcroft by car. I shall be happy to meet members at Heathrow if they will let me have their time of arrival and flight number in advance. We shall also be able to meet some of the afternoon trains from London (Victoria Station) at Redhill, e.g.

<u>Victoria</u>	<u>Redhill</u>
15.05	15.34
16.05	16.34

Again prior notice of expected arrival time would be greatly appreciated, as Redhill is about eight miles from Wychcroft.



(The Revd.) CHRISTOPHER HILL

P.S. Although this circulation is being sent to all members in the usual way, it is noted that apologies for absence from the Wychcroft meeting have already been received from: Archbishop Arnott, Bishop Vogel, Fr. Tavard and Dr. Gassmann.

*Will you be able to manage this?*